GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4408
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2005
COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the past the Railways had issued white paper with regard to shortage of funds and non-availability of adequate funds for the ongoing projects of Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether revenue earnings of the Railways from various sources has increased recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to fix priority to complete the pending and ongoing projects of Railways keeping in view the increase in revenue earning of Railways during the recent past; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4408 BY SHRI HEMLAL MURMU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2005 REGARDING COMPLETION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): A White Paper on Railway Projects was published in July, 1998 in which the issue of heavy throwforward and availability of inadequate funds for Railway projects was highlighted.

(c) & (d): The overall traffic revenues of the Railways to end of November, 2005, have registered a growth of 13.89% (approximate) over the corresponding period of last year. Segment-wise details are as under:

(Figure: Rupees in crore)

Traffic Segment	Traffic Revenue to end of November, 2004	November, 2005 (Approximate)	%age growth
Passenger	9279.41	9827.48	5.91%
Other Coaching	614.51	694.18	12.96%
Goods	19356.70	22881.24	18.23%
Sundry	645.00	642.42	-0.40%
Total	29895.62	34045.32	13.89%

(e) & (f): Re-prioritisation of projects has been done recently. Further with the increase in internal generation, it is proposed to revive Capital Fund for funding of some of the critical throughput enhancement works.